

PATENT

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APPLICANT(S)	:	Germano
TITLE	:	COATING SYSTEMS HAVING AN ANTI-CORROSION LAYER AND A POWDER COATING LAYER
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 22, 2007, in the above-captioned application.

The Examiner indicated that Applicant's previous election of a particulate metal material satisfied the Examiner's restriction requirement.

However, the Examiner contended that Applicant's previous election for a "thermoset powder coat composition" did not satisfy the Examiner's previous request to

"elect a powder coat composition from those mentioned in claims 5, 7, 10, 12, 16, 18, 22, 24, 28 and 30."

Applicant did in fact elect a type of powder coat composition. Applicant elected a "thermoset powder coat composition."

Now, the Examiner requires Applicant to further elect a specific type of thermoset powder coat composition.

Although Applicant traverses this additional request, in order for examination to begin, Applicant hereby elects an epoxy thermoset powder coat composition. This additional election is made with traverse on grounds that the Examiner's multiple restriction requirements will likely result in Applicant having to file numerous applications, each with an exceedingly narrow set of claims. That, in turn, will dramatically increase the filing fees and associated costs for Applicant. Applicant has invested considerable time and resources in developing the present invention, and also in pursuing a patent application directed thereto. It is inequitable, costly, and simply unfair to require Applicant to make elections between such narrowly construed groups.

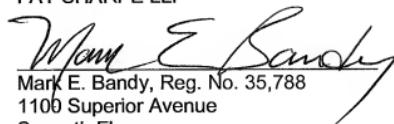
The claims that read on Applicant's elected particulate metal material (i.e. zinc flakes and aluminum flakes) and Applicant's elected thermoset powder coat composition material (i.e. epoxies) are claims 8, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 23, 24, 25, 26, 29, and 30.

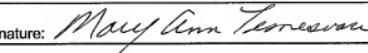
Applicant respectfully requests that examination begin on the above-noted claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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